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try was incredible, — such profound study on the driest themes, mixed with still more elaborate thinking ; such multitudes of sermons and essays carefully prepared for the press ; and such a thorough filling of his soul with themes on which his hastiest writing or unwritten speech seemed overflowing rich ! His power over the minds of others has had few parallels in his profession. Hardly leaving his old study-chair in the obscure village where he spent nearly seventy years of his life, he moved pulses of thought and sentiment beyond the Alleghanies and beyond the ocean. Nearly one hundred divines had been his pupils, not nominally, but really, deriving from him ways of thinking and reasoning which they else would never have formed, and from distant parishes and far-off missionary fields looking and listening with undiminished reverence to the sage of Franklin. Nor is his private and domestic life less attractive. Precise, quaint, and whimsical, he appears always kind, generous, and genial ; beautiful in the simple amenities and charities of a Christian household, blending equal tenderness and firmness under the early sorrows that made his home desolate, and majestic beyond description as he meets the frequent visitations of the death-angel to his family in his own old age and infirmity. A life of ninety-six years, a pastorate of sixty-eight, left him in the front rank of the living for a whole generation, and gave him almost the experience of a posthumous fame. His character was too massive, his intellectual and spiritual life too great and manifold, the ramifications of his influence too various and labyrinthal, while his external history was too brief and uneventful, to permit a Memoir of him to be written in the usual way. Professor Park has brought together, in a well-arranged series of chapters, a great mass of materials, which might serve for a history of Congregationalism. In much of the work he was the mere compiler of these materials ; in the portion written by his own hand, we never miss his accustomed grace, point, and power.

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21. — *Annals of the American Pulpit ; or, Commemorative Notices of distinguished American Clergymen of various Denominations, from the early Settlement of the Country to the Close of the Year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-Five. With Historical Introductions.* By WILLIAM B. SPRAGUE, D. D. Volume VII. *Methodist.* 8vo. pp. 848.

WE have the promise of a review of this volume for our next number from a contributor who cannot fail to do it justice. Meanwhile we would say that Dr. Sprague's work even grows in interest with its progress. Each volume mines an entirely new vein, opens the view

of an entirely new class of characters, and brings us into conversance with a new order of biographical talent. This is the very time for the preparation of the volume now before us. The Methodists have been of late sedulously building the sepulchres of their early prophets. Their clerical biography has been enriched by the lives of many of those rude and zealous pioneers, who incurred dangers by flood and field, and "perils among false brethren," with a resolution which no earthly power could daunt, and with a devotion which seemed to revive the martyr-age of primitive Christianity. Meanwhile, in later years the Methodist Church has assumed the patronage of learning, endowed educational institutions of a high order, and called into its service no mean array of men who in cultivation and in all the graces of pulpit oratory have stood abreast of the first preachers in our older denominations. Sketches of both classes are to be found in this volume, in due and well-adjusted proportion; so that we pass from the wild adventure and romance of border life into the society of refined and scholarly divines. In the former portion we find much that is grotesque, much that appeals to our most tender sympathies, much that elicits our profoundest reverence; while in the latter we witness as entire a consecration of the best gifts to the holiest uses as has been seen since the days of the Apostles. In the whole we trace Dr. Sprague's kind and catholic spirit, exquisite skill and taste, and hardly equalled industry.

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22. — *A Memoir of Daniel Safford.* By his Wife. Boston: American Tract Society. 1861. 12mo. pp. 384.

THIS is a very remarkable life. Daniel Safford was born in Hamilton, Massachusetts, in 1792, and died in Boston in 1856. He had a scanty district-school education, was apprenticed to his brother, a blacksmith in Salem, and at an early age established himself in that trade in Boston. He gradually became a prosperous man, resolved to cease adding to his property when it had reached forty-five thousand dollars, and during the last thirty years of his life gave for charitable uses more than seventy thousand dollars, — the benefactions of some single years amounting to between four and five thousand. But his was a character to be measured by no pecuniary estimate. In his boyhood he became an earnest and devoted Christian, and one who felt the solemn weight of his Master's parting charge to his disciples. His religion was a working force, making his domestic and social life pure, upright, and beautiful, training his intellect and judgment for posts of weighty trust and offices of momentous counsel, energizing him for active and self-